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**TO:** William N. Rice, Director  
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Local Officials, Fire Protection Administrators, and  
Library District Administrators in the Thermal Electric  
Generating Facilities Impact Area

**FROM:** Theresa J. Lowe, Chief Demographer  
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**SUBJECT: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR THE 2004 DISTRIBUTION OF  
THERMAL ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES TAX PROCEEDS**

Population estimates for incorporated places, unincorporated areas, fire protection districts, and library districts within the thermal electric generating facilities impact area are attached. These population estimates should be used for the 2004 distribution of tax proceeds from the thermal electric generating facilities in accordance with RCW 54.28.055. A map of the thermal electric generating facilities impact area, as defined by RCW 54.28.010(7), is also attached.

**Estimate Procedures**

The 2004 estimates are developed from a census based Geographic Information System (GIS) which uses spatial interpolation to allocate population when district boundary lines cross census blocks. Boundaries for the fire protection districts are derived from electronic maps, furnished by the Department of Revenue, current to March 2004. Some adjustments were made.

**Population Data**

The population figures shown in Tables 1 through 3 were developed using block level population counts for the 2000 federal census Public Law 94-171 redistricting counts and the Office of Financial Management's official April 1, 2003 population estimates for cities, towns, and counties. City boundaries were adjusted to include all annexations through February 29, 2004.

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Definitions for the population of incorporated places, unincorporated areas, fire protection districts, and library districts are identical to those used for the past ten years. Library district populations shown in Table 3 reflect the population within library district boundaries as defined in RCW 27.12.010(4) through RCW 27.12.010(7), which specifically exclude any incorporated population within library district boundaries.

### **Annexations**

Large annexations, of over 1,500 persons to the City of Pasco, have again noticeably reduced the population of Fire District 3 in Franklin County. Annexations to Kennewick and Richland have had a less noticeable impact on Fire District 1 in Benton County, because these population losses are offset by the strong development and population growth in the unincorporated area.

If you have any questions regarding these figures, please contact Lawrence Weisser at (360) 902-0589.

### **Attachments**

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